

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~processing information in a communications device~~, comprising:

(a) receiving at a communications device from a first remote device superdistributed content encrypted with a content key;

(b) transmitting by the communications device a request for the content key to a second remote device, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider of the content and possessing the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device;

~~said second remote device receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device;~~

(c) receiving at the communications device from the second remote device an encrypted version of the content key, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device; and

(d) decrypting at the communications device the encrypted version of the content key with a private key of the communications device, the private key of the communications device corresponding to the public key of the communications device.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting step (b) comprises transmitting the public key of the communications device to the second remote device.

3-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving at the communications device one or more usage rules from the first remote device, wherein the usage rules correspond to the content;

transmitting by the communications device the one or more usage rules to the second remote device;

receiving at the communications device one or more modified usage rules from the second remote device; and

associating at the communications device the one or more modified usage rules with the content.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~communications~~ device, comprising:

a first communications interface in a communications device adapted to receive from a first remote device superdistributed content encrypted with a content key;

a module in the communications device adapted to decrypt an encrypted version of the content key with a private key of the communications device; and

a second communications interface in the communications device adapted to

(a) transmit a request for the content key to a second remote device, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider of the content and possessing the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device,

~~said second remote device receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device;~~

and

(b) receive from the second remote device an encrypted version of the content key, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device, the public key of the communications device corresponding to the private key of the communications device.

8. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein the request includes the public key of the communications device.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein the first communications interface is further adapted to receive one or more usage rules from the first remote device, the usage rules corresponding to the content; and

wherein the second communications interface is further adapted to transmit the one or more usage rules to the second remote device; and to receive one or more modified usage rules from the second remote device.

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~communications~~ device, comprising:

means for receiving from a first remote device superdistributed content encrypted with a content key;

means for transmitting a request for the content key to a second remote device, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider of the content and possessing the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device;

~~said second remote device receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device;~~

means for receiving from the second remote device an encrypted version of the content key, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device; and

means for decrypting the encrypted version of the content key with a private key of the communications device, the private key of the communications device corresponding to the public key of the communications device.

14. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

a communications device adapted to receive from a remote device a superdistributed content item encrypted with a content key;

the communications device being further adapted to transmit a request for the content key to an authorized agent;

said authorized agent receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent;

and

said authorized agent authorized to act on behalf of a content distributor, the authorized agent adapted to provide the content key to the communications device.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the request includes a public key of the communications device.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the authorized agent is further adapted to provide to the communications device the content key encrypted with a public key of the communications device.

19. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising the content distributor.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising the remote device;
wherein the remote device receives the content item from the content distributor.

21. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the communications device, the remote device, and the authorized agent communicate with each other across one or more wireless communications networks.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~facilitating distribution of content among devices, in an authorized agent~~, comprising:

(a) receiving at an authorized agent authorization to act on behalf of a content distributor;

(b) receiving at the authorized agent from a communications device a request for a content key;

said authorized agent receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent, the content key for decrypting a superdistributed content item originally distributed by the content distributor;

(c) encrypting at the authorized agent the content key with a public key of the communications device; and

(d) transmitting by the authorized agent to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

23-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of facilitating distribution of content among devices, in an authorized agent~~, comprising:

(a) receiving at an authorized agent authorization to act on behalf of a content distributor;

(b) receiving at the authorized agent a content key encrypted with the public key of the authorized agent;

(c) receiving at the authorized agent from a communications device a request for the content key, the content key for decrypting a superdistributed content item originally distributed by the content distributor;

(d) encrypting at the authorized agent the content key with a public key of the communications device; and

(e) transmitting by the authorized agent to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein said receiving a request step (e-)comprises receiving the public key of the communications device.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising:
decrypting at the authorized agent the content key encrypted with the public key of the authorized agent; and
encrypting at the authorized agent the content key with the public key of the communications device.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, further comprising:
receiving at the authorized agent one or more usage rules from the communications device, the one or more usage rules corresponding to the content item;
modifying at the authorized agent the one or more usage rules; and
transmitting by the authorized agent the one or more modified usage rules to the communications device.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein said modifying step is performed in accordance with one or more modification limitations.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the one or more modification limitations includes at least one of a temporal limitation, a content type limitation, and a specific content limitation.

31. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the one or more modification limitations are imposed by the content distributor.

32. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more usage rules are encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent.

33. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more modified usage rules are encrypted with a public key of the communications device.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said transmitting step (d) is performed when one or more content distribution conditions are satisfied.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the one or more content distribution conditions includes a payment from the communications device.

36. (Currently Amended) A device ~~An authorized agent~~, comprising:
a first communications interface in an authorized agent adapted to receive authorization to act on behalf of the content distributor and further adapted to receive the content key encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent;

a module in the authorized agent adapted to encrypt a content key with a public key of the communications device, the content key for decrypting a superdistributed content item originally distributed by the content distributor; and

a second communications interface in the authorized agent adapted to receive from a communications device a request for the content key, and transmit to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

37. (Currently Amended) A device ~~An authorized agent~~, comprising:

a first communications interface in an authorized agent adapted to receive authorization to act on behalf of the content distributor;

a module in the authorized agent adapted to encrypt a content key with a public key of the communications device, the content key for decrypting a superdistributed content item originally distributed by the content distributor; and

a second communications interface in the authorized agent adapted to receive from a communications device a request for the content key, and transmit to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) ~~The device~~ ~~authorized agent~~ of claim 37, wherein the request further includes the public key of the communications device.

40. (Currently Amended) The device ~~authorized agent~~ of claim 39, further comprising a module in the authorized agent adapted to decrypt the content key encrypted with the public key of the authorized agent.

41. (Currently Amended) The device ~~authorized agent~~ of claim 36, further comprising a rules module in the authorized agent adapted to modify one or more usage rules received from the communications device; and

wherein the second communications interface in the authorized agent is further adapted to send the one or more modified rules to the communications device.

42. (Currently Amended) The device ~~authorized agent~~ of claim 41, wherein said rules module in the authorized agent is further adapted to modify the one or more usage rules in accordance with one or more modification limitations.

43. (Currently Amended) The device ~~authorized agent~~ of claim 42, wherein the one or more modification limitations includes at least one of a temporal limitation, a content type limitation, and a specific content limitation.

44. (Currently Amended) The device ~~authorized agent~~ of claim 42, wherein the one or more modification limitations are imposed by the content distributor.

45. (Currently Amended) The device ~~authorized agent~~ of claim 41, wherein the one or more usage rules are encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent

46. (Currently Amended) The device ~~authorized agent~~ of claim 41, wherein the one or more modified usage rules are encrypted with a public key of the communications device.

47. (Currently Amended) The device ~~authorized agent~~ of claim 36, wherein said second communications interface in the authorized agent is further adapted to transmit the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device when one or more content distribution conditions are satisfied.

48. (Currently Amended) The device ~~authorized agent~~ of claim 47, wherein the one or more content distribution conditions includes a payment from the communications device.

49. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

means for receiving authorization to act on behalf of a content distributor;

means for receiving from a communications device a request for a content key;

means for receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of an authorized agent, the content key for decrypting a superdistributed content item originally distributed by the content distributor;

means for encrypting the content key with a public key of the communications device; and

means for transmitting to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

50. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

a content distributor adapted to transmit a superdistributed digital television broadcast, an authorized agent authorized to act on behalf of the content distributor; and
a communications device adapted to receive the digital television broadcast from the content distributor;

wherein the communications device is further adapted to encrypt a content key with the public key of the authorized agent for encrypting the digital television broadcast.

51. (Currently Amended) A ~~communications~~ device, comprising:

a communications interface in a communications device adapted to receive from a content distributor a superdistributed digital television broadcast and a public encryption key of an authorized agent, the authorized agent authorized to act on behalf of the content distributor; and

a security processing module in the communications device adapted to encrypt a key with the public key of the authorized agent for encrypting the digital television broadcast .

52. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of processing information in a communications device~~, comprising:

(a) receiving at a communications device from a first remote device superdistributed content encrypted with a content key and a first usage rule for the content;

(b) transmitting by the communications device a request for the content key and said first usage rule to a second remote device, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider of the content;

(c) receiving at the communications device from the second remote device an encrypted version of the content key and a modified usage rule for the content, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device; and

(d) decrypting at the communications device the encrypted version of the content key with a private key of the communications device, the private key of the communications device corresponding to the public key of the communications device.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein ~~step (a) further comprises:~~

~~said second remote device receiving the content key~~ is received at the communications device from the second remote device after having been received at the second remote device encrypted with a public key of the second remote device.

54. (Canceled)